



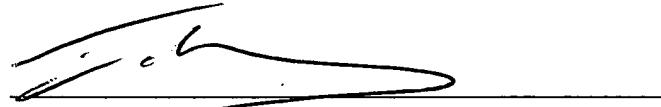
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RESPONSE A

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 8, 2005, Applicants respond as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 in this paper.

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